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Apprenticeships at Suffolk New College

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a job with training which will enable your young person to earn while they learn all whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification. Apprenticeships are available from Level 2 right up to Degree Level. With over 1500 different job roles on offer, within a wide range of industries, and the list growing all the time; there really is an apprenticeship for everyone.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

As a parent/carer you want your young person to have the best possible start to their career journey and apprenticeships are a great way for them to gain industry experience whilst building the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to succeed in both the workplace and their chosen apprenticeship pathway. Not only will they be gaining a qualification they will also be:

- Earning a salary* Apprentices are employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Receiving Paid Holidays and gaining access to the same employee entitlements as their colleagues
- Learning job specific skills that both the employer and industry require



- Accessing excellent progression opportunities
- Learning at a pace suited to them, with the support of a mentor
- Gaining increase future earning potential

Recent studies have shown that apprentices of all levels experience a rise in future earnings when they complete their training. Those completing a Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.

*for the latest information on apprenticeship pay please visit www.gov.uk/become-apprentice/pay-and-conditions

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 living in England. There are different entry requirements depending on the type and level of apprenticeship. Employers are ideally looking for candidates who have achieved or are expecting to achieve GCSEs at grade 4/C or above. However, some employers will accept lower grades if initial assessment testing indicates that your young person can work at the required level. If they do not currently hold a GCSE Grade 4/C or above in Maths and/or English or Level 2 Functional Skills they will be required to continue working towards this during their apprenticeship.

FINDING THE RIGHT LEVEL

No matter what their starting point is, we can support your young person to find the right apprenticeship and provide the support they need to progress through their training. At Suffolk New College each of our apprentices are assigned a Progress Coach/Trainer to support them in meeting the skills, knowledge and behaviours to meet their end point assessment.



NAME	LEVEL	EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL LEVEL
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and level
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree





FINDING APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Searching for apprenticeship opportunities is the same as seeking employment, therefore it is essential that your young person is proactive in their approach. The Find an Apprenticeship.GOV.UK website is a great place to start www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship. At Suffolk New College we also invite your young person to:

JOIN OUR TALENT POOL

Join us for:

- Priority Alerts: Be the first to know about new apprenticeship opportunities and matching employers.
- Apprenticeship Ready: Find out how you can develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to succeed as an apprentice.
- Expert Guidance: Receive advice and support to help you make decisions on the right apprenticeship for you.
- Stand Out: Receive assistance in making your application shine.

If you have an employer that is willing to take on your young person as an apprentice or you are an employer looking to hire an apprentice, including upskilling existing members of staff, please contact apprenticeships@suffolk.ac.uk and we will guide you through the process.



PARENTS AND CARERS CAN UPSKILL TOO!

Looking to change careers, retrain or upskill? An apprenticeship could be the next progression step for you too. Suffolk New College is your ideal choice for flexible and supportive adult education, it's never too late to ignite your passion for learning www.suffolk.ac.uk/study-with-us/adult-professional/

CONTACT US

for more information on becoming an apprentice with Suffolk New College including joining our Talent Pool and subscribing to our Apprenticeship Information Service

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